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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COIN OR  
OBJECT SENSING USING ADAPTIVE  
OPERATING POINT CONTROL

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**AMENDMENT (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.114)**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1-9 and 20, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.